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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on December 29, 2005, in the above-identified application. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently herewith. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows: